

TO-DAY'S WAR BULLETINS.

The Germans Win in Belgium, French in Alsace.

Rising Tide of War Engulfing Belgium With German Hosts Despite the Stubborn Resistance of Heroic Belgians—French Recapture Muelhausen—Russians Announce Victories in Austria.

BRUSSELS REPORTED TAKEN.

Belgian Army Captured by Germans Says Dispatch.

London, Aug. 20.—It is reported at Louvain headquarters that the Belgian army has been captured by the Germans. The Belgian troops are retreating. The British and French are fighting a fierce battle with the Germans in the vicinity of Namur. It is expected that Brussels will be occupied within a few hours.

Persistent rumors state that the Germans have already entered the city, but they are as persistently denied by the Belgians. The Germans lost heavily around Louvain.

Germans Pouring Into Belgium.
Maastricht, Aug. 20.—Thousands of German troops have been pouring into central Belgium in the last thirty-six hours. Infantry and artillery are advancing seemingly without opposition.

SIXTY BRITISH SHIPS CAPTURED.

Reported That English Army Corps Land on German Coast.

London, Aug. 20.—Sixty British merchant ships, captured by Germans are now lying in the harbor at Hamburg. An unconfirmed report from Maastricht states that the British landed an army corps on the north coast of Germany.

Turkish Cruisers Attacked.

Constantinople, Aug. 20.—Merchant ships arriving report the two cruisers Germany sold to Turkey sighted in a badly damaged condition which shows evidence of attack.

Austrian Army Disaffected.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—The defection in the Austrian army is reported growing. Czech and Polish troops were shot by officers for hating the Kaiser in Austria and cheering for Russia.

GERMANS BRAVE WITHERING FIRES.

Advance With Superhuman Tenacity Despite Terrific Opposition.

Brussels, Aug. 20.—Hundreds of wounded Belgians are pouring into the capital. The report is that the Germans are showing almost superhuman bravery under a withering fire. Though suffering terrible losses the German's advance seems irresistible as the roar of battle reaches the city. The German searchlights swept the skies continually last night. A tremendous battle is reported to be raging in the area stretching from Diest to Tirlemont.

Bombarding Cattaro.

Rome, Aug. 20.—A dispatch today reports that the French fleet is bombarding the Austrian city of Cattaro. The Montenegrins are attacking by land. One fort has been destroyed and others are being rendered useless.

Belgians Repulse German Cavalry.

Antwerp, Aug. 20.—The German cavalry attacked the Belgians on the outskirts of Antwerp today. According to an official announcement they were driven back. The enemy's cavalry were also repulsed at Turnhout and Herenthals.

GERMANS RECAPTURE TOWN OF VILLE.

Check Successfully March of French Into Alsace-Lorraine.

Paris, Aug. 20.—A determined resistance by the Germans has checked an advance of the French right wing into Alsace and Lorraine. The war office admitted today that the town of Ville has been recaptured by the Germans who are fortifying there. The Germans made a desperate fight for this victory.

Germans Burn Town.

London, Aug. 20.—A Times dispatch says the Germans set fire to the town of Tirmont Tuesday in their advance on Louvain.

Belgians Retreat to Antwerp.
Brussels, Aug. 20.—The Belgian forces are falling back toward Antwerp. The Belgian troops are evacuating Brussels.

French Recapture Muelhausen.
Paris, Aug. 20.—It is officially announced that the French have recaptured Muelhausen after several days fighting.

Russians Report Victories.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 20.—Seven victories over Germans and Austrians and the destruction of an Austrian village was officially announced today. Many prisoners and quantities of war munitions were captured.

DEATH CLAIMS JESUIT HEAD.
Father Wernz's Death Occurs Ten Minutes After that of Pope—Cardinal Volpe Temporarily Succeeds Pope.

Rome, Aug. 20.—Cardinal Della Volpe assumed the duties of the pope at the death of Pius until another pontiff can be elected. Father Wernz, head of the order of Jesuits, died ten minutes after Pius.

POPE'S HEART WAS BROKEN.

His Peace Messenger to Emperor of Austria Was Scornfully Received.

Rome, Aug. 20.—It was learned today that the Pope's peace messenger whom he sent to Vienna was scornfully received. The Pope's heart was broken, at the utter hopelessness of peace. He sent a personal letter to the Emperor of Austria, begging him not to permit war.

AMERICAN CONSUL IN JAIL.

Hostetter Arrested by Mexican Authorities.

El Paso, Aug. 19.—Louis Hostetter, American consul at Hermosillo, Sonora, has been placed in jail by the Mexican authorities, according to assertions today by Carranza officials along the border. It was not stated whether he had been released.

The responsibility for the consul's arrest is the subject of dispute between Carranza and Villa factions. Gen. Villa, commander-in-chief of Chihuahua, telegraphed Col. Peltas Calles, a Carranza official, blaming him for Hostetter's arrest.

Rodolfo de la Huerta, a Carranza official, telegraphed agents here that Hostetter had been imprisoned by order of Jose Maria Maytorena, governor of Sonora, who is in open revolt against the Carranza central government, represented by Calles.

Villa remained today at Chihuahua City. It was reported that throughout his zone recruiting of troops and arming them with rifles smuggled over the border continue. Villa's local agents arranged for the delivery of large hospital supplies suitable for a long campaign.

George C. Carothers, who has been acting as a state department representative with Villa, and Paul Fuller, recently sent to Mexico by Secretary Bryan, returned today after an interview with the northern chief. They declined to comment upon what answer had been given to the appeal of the Washington government that Villa not revolt against the Carranza government. Mr. Fuller left late today for the East. Mr. Carothers remained here.

GERMANS RAPIDLY GAINING GROUND.

Brussels, Aug. 20.—An official statement today admits the Germans are gaining ground. The German troops on the north side of the Meuse where they were principally operated against Liege have become available in other directions. (This probably is an intimation that the Liege forts have fallen.) There is also a strong force of cavalry with which Germans are able to make a great show by extending from north to south. In the south, however, they were repulsed by the French. At the north they found an open road and the detachment made dashes for a field.

LIGHTS FOR CAMDEN.

Kershaw Town Is Brilliant With an Attractive "White Way"—Water in Plenty.

Camden, Aug. 19.—The electric lights of the handsome new municipal power plant were turned on last night at dark for the first time. Camden is now considered one of the best lighted towns of its size in the United States. The "white way" on Main and DeKalb streets is far the prettiest in South Carolina and can be easily classed with the "white ways" of the best known boulevards in the country. The Camden "white way" is set on a 12 or 15 foot standard with five large bowl lights, set 10 feet apart, alternating on each side of the street. In the residential and other sections of Camden there is a light every 250 feet, which are included even on the back streets and alleys. These lights are nitrogen tungsten lights, which give a light that can be compared with arc lights Camden is one of the first towns in the South to adopt this form of street light. These lights resemble the usual street arc lights. The "white way" extends on Main street from Clyburn street to LaFayette avenue and on DeKalb street from Main street to Lytle street.

The municipal board, which is composed of Henry Savage, Dr. W. J. Dunn and W. Bratton DeLoach, has worked faithfully to give Camden a good lighting system and are to be congratulated upon their success.

Water from the new pumping and filtering station will be turned on within the next few days.

LANCASTER EDITOR DIES.

Charles T. Connors Passes Away After Illness Extending Over Three Years.

Lancaster, Aug. 19.—Charles T. Connors, one of Lancaster's best loved and most popular citizens, passed away today at his home on Chesterfield avenue, at the age of 59, death being due to Bright's disease of which he had been a sufferer for the last three years. Of bright, cheery disposition, witty, whole-souled upright, fearless, it will be a long time before his place will be filled in the hearts of his friends in Lancaster whom he numbered by the hundreds.

As an advocate at the bar he was zealous, sagacious and learned; as a newspaper writer in the latter years he spared neither friend nor foe when it came to opposing principles that he thought wrong, but he always stood for what he thought right and wielded his facile pen for all that was good noble and true and for the upbuilding of his native county.

Blessed with a loving family, his home life was ideal and he was never happier than when surrounded by his loved ones.

Charles Thorn Connors was born in Lancaster January 7, 1855. He was a son of the late W. M. Connors, who was a member of the Lancaster bar. He attended the public schools of Lancaster, King's Mountain Military school under Col. Asbury Coward and graduated at the University of the South at Sewanee with highest honors. He was admitted to the bar in February, 1876, forming a partnership with Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw and was associated with him until his elevation to the bench. His health failing, he retired to his farm until 1886, when he was sent to the legislature, serving two terms, being elected each time by a handsome majority. He was for several years an officer of the State militia with the rank of major.

GERMANY'S REJECTION OF JAP ULTIMATUM PROBABLY MEANS WAR.

Official Berlin Dispatch Says Germans Won't Accede Kiao Chou to China—Choose War With Japanese—Japanese Ambassador Leaves Berlin.

London, Aug. 20.—An official Berlin dispatch says that Germany has rejected the Japanese ultimatum demanding the surrender of Kiao Chou to China. Germany chooses war with Japan. The Japanese ambassador has left Berlin.

FUND FOR MOVING CROPS.

BANKERS OF STATE FORM CURRENCY ASSOCIATION.

Officers are Elected—Nearly \$10,000,000 Represented at Meeting in Columbia—Applications Go to McAdoo

Columbia, Aug. 20.—The National Currency Association of South Carolina was permanently organized yesterday. About 50 national banks, practically every national bank in the State, were represented at the meeting at the Jefferson hotel, and 39 of the banks qualified as members of the association. Their applications will be forwarded to Secretary McAdoo at once for approval. The capital and surplus represented by the 39 banks amount to something in excess of \$8,000,000, and this will mean that about \$2,400,000 additional currency can be issued in this State.

For technical reasons all of the banks could not qualify yesterday, but practically all are expected to qualify today. If all qualify the total capital and surplus represented will amount to something like \$9,000,000, and an additional currency issue of about \$2,700,000 will become available.

R. G. Rhett of Charleston was elected president of the association; J. P. Matthews of Columbia, vicepresident; John T. Melton of Columbia, secretary; and W. A. Clark of Columbia, treasurer. The executive committee elected consists of R. G. Rhett of Charleston, J. P. Matthews of Columbia, John T. Melton of Columbia, W. A. Clark of Columbia, G. M. Berry of Columbia, J. W. Norwood of Greenville, C. D. Jones of Lancaster. A majority of the officers and committeemen were elected from Columbia by express desire of all of the bankers. Inasmuch as this will insure immediate action upon any business that comes before the organization.

A number of State banks are ready, it is said, to join the association as soon as the bill repealing the 10 per cent tax on circulation issued by the State banks is passed. The bill was introduced in congress and its passage is expected shortly.

PICKENS MEETING QUIET.

Greenville Will See Final Gathering of Candidates Under Auspices of Democratic Party.

Pickens, Aug. 19.—Before an undemonstrative and attentive audience of 1,500 citizens of Pickens county the candidates for State offices confined themselves largely to an outline of platforms in the meeting here today.

There was no disorder and the meeting proceeded without interruption, with no injection of new issues of lines of attack. The meeting tomorrow at Greenville will be the last meeting of the campaign and a record breaking crowd is expected.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 by John T. Duncan, candidate for governor, as the county chairman had not arrived. Mr. Duncan pointed out the necessity of starting on time because of train connections and asked that the audience find the chairman or select a man. There being no answer, he asked the auditors to hold up their hands if they wanted the meeting to be called to order.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry was issued this morning to Mr. J. P. Booker of Yorkville and Mrs. Sallie L. Ballard of Columbia.

HOKE SMITH WINS.

RUNS FAR AHEAD IN GEORGIA PRIMARY.

Slaton and Hurdwick Lead in Race for Short Term—Harris and L. G. Hardman Ahead for Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 19.—Complete and incomplete returns from a majority of the counties of Georgia late tonight indicated that United States Senator Hoke Smith has been nominated for reelection to the senate over Former Gov. Joseph M. Brown by an overwhelming majority in the State-wide Democratic primary today. Nomination is equivalent to election. Smith carried every county from which complete returns had been received up to 11 p. m., and it was claimed tonight that he would command the electoral vote of more than 100 of the 148 counties in the State convention. Cobb county, the home of Former Gov. Brown, gave Smith a majority of 650. Fulton county, in which Atlanta is located, was carried by Smith by more than 6,000 majority.

While the race for the senior senatorship failed to provide the excitement which had been expected of it, that for the nomination to the unexpected term of the late Senator Bacon proved exciting. Returns up to midnight showed Congressman Thomas Hardwick in the lead by a narrow margin, with Gov. John M. Slaton second and Thomas S. Felder a close third. Neither John R. Cooper nor G. R. Hutchens, the other candidates, had carried a county at the hour named. This contest probably will be taken to the State convention, as it would be necessary for the leader to poll more votes than the combined vote of his opponents in order to be nominated.

In the race for the governorship, Dr. L. C. Hardman, Judge N. E. Harris and J. Randolph Anderson were making a close fight. Harris led Hardman late tonight by only 16 convention votes, making it apparently certain that this contest also will go to the convention.

Ideal weather and widespread interest in a majority of the contests called forth an exceptionally heavy vote. This, in connection with the fact that the ticket was a long one, delayed the returns. It probably will be several days before the final figures are available.

PARTISAN LINES DRAWN.

Many of Minor Candidates Questioned as to Their Stand in Regard to Race.

Anderson, Aug. 17.—Before an audience of 3,000 citizens of Anderson county, of which the supporters of the governor were noisy and the others undemonstrative, candidates for State offices here today kept up their same series of attacks, almost entirely intraparty. During the speeches of the candidates for minor offices, a consistent attempt to find how the speaker stood on the senatorial race was the feature. It resulted in several outspoken declarations and those who said they were anti-administration had difficulty in finishing their speeches, while the others were given many encouragement to continue.

In the gubernatorial race there was no marked demonstration for any one candidate.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 o'clock by S. Dean Pearson, county chairman, on the court house lawn.

Shipping Bill a Law.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Wilson tonight signed the amendment to the Panama Canal act under which foreign built ships may be admitted to American registry for the overseas trade. The measure became effective immediately and is expected to aid materially in solving the problem of handling American exports while the European nations are at war.

The president also signed the bill to regulate dealings in cotton futures.

Candidates' Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

For Congress.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination as Congressman from the 7th Congressional District and pledge myself to abide the result of the Democratic primary.

A. F. LEVER.

The Senate.

I am a candidate for re-election to the State senate from Sumter County in accordance with, and subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

JOHN H. CLIFTON.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for election to the State Senate from Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

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L. E. WHITE.

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S. D. CAIN.

For Coroner.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Coroner of Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

S. W. RAFFIELD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary.

WILLIAM J. SEALE.

For Magistrate.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the magistrate's office, 4th district, Sumter county.

J. A. HODGE.

For You---

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The Peoples Bank

Will find that in the arrangement of our NEW HOME we have made special provisions for their comfort. In addition to a cozy corner of the lobby, provided with writing tables and comfortable seats, we have a special rest room for the ladies, and we cordially invite them to make use of it.

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